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ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
Receipts and Expenditures  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MONT-VERNON,  
TOGETHER WITH  
THE SCHOOL REPORT,  
FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1872.

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# SELECTMEN OF MONT-VERNON IN ACCOUNT WITH SAID TOWN.

DR—To cash in the Treasury Feb. 25th, 1871,	\$2,707 92
“ Amount of Taxes assessed	5,344 98
“ Cash received from State	497 34
“ Cash received from sale of lots in cemetery	4 00
“ Interest on Town Farm notes	28 11
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	\$8,582 35

## CR.—By Cash paid out as follows :

State Tax \$1,290.00 ; County Tax \$406.87	\$1,696 87
A. W. Bragg Notes 1,396.53 ; A. Wilkins on Note 200 00	1,596 53
R. Smith on Note 75.94 ; interest on sundry notes 23 99	99 93
H. Bullard, damage on Highway	12 00
I. Hartshorn damage for discontinuing Turnpike,	50 00
Alexander Carson land damage, and altering highway,	6 50
Donation to McCollum Institute,	54 58
M. G. Rotch, Watering Place,	3 00
Printing Town Reports for 1871,	14 00
P. F. Pike, digging graves, care of Hearse and attending funerals,	45 79
John Smith, tolling bell,	5 50
For Plough, Scraper and Plough points,	20 00
Dr. Bunton, Reports of births and deaths,	2 00
C. J. Smith, expenses of special service in the Town's allot- ment of State bonds	43 36
Support of Paupers	214 22
Town Clerk, 20.00 ; Town Treasurer, 20.00,	40 00
Collector, 65.000 ; Books and Stationery, 9.43,	74 43
A. Travis, Moderator and Auditor 1871,	3 50
Geo. E. Dean, Auditor 1872,	1 50
E. F. Trow, Constable 1871, 2.00 ; Wm. Bruce, Notes and Interest, 1,101.38,	1,103 38
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	\$5,087 09

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES

J. A. Carlton tax for 1871, as per vote of town	31 85
Abatement of taxes 1868, 1869, 1870	27 21
A. C. French, over-tax 4.06 ; J. Follansbee jr. do. 2.06, 6 12—65 18	<hr/>
	\$5,152 27



Amount brought up \$5,152 27

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre District, 364.52 ; South do. 141.79 ; East do. 94.00 ;  
 North do. 83.05 ; West do. 58.00 ; Amherst, 20.46 ; Superin-  
 tending School Committee, 33.00 ; Posting fifteen copies of  
 School laws, 3 00 ; 797 82  
 Repairs on School House Centre District, 150 00

### BREAKING ROADS IN 1871 AND 1872.

Districts No. 6 and 7, 3 92 ; No. 10, 7.50 ; No. 2 2.00 ; No.  
 9, 7.58 ; No. 4, 6.50 ; No. 16, 2.84 ; No. 8, 2.50 ; No. 17,  
 4.00 ; No. 15, 1.00 ; No. 3, 1.00, 38 84  
 Non-Resident Highway receipts 15 78

### EXTRA REPAIRS ON HIGHWAY 1870.

District No. 4, 15.00 ; No. 10, 3.00 ; No. 11, 3.50 ; No. 14,  
 4. 63 ; No. 17, .90, 27 03

### REPAIRS ON HIGHWAY 1871.

Daniel Sargent, 733.23 ; H. J. Kittredge, 14.00 ; G. G.  
 Batchelder 6.00 ; H. H. Trow, 151.58, 904 81

### SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

C. J. Smith, 62.00 ; J. Trevitt, 46.00 ; J. T. McCollum, 45.00, 153 00

### NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

P. Smith \$1,516.16 ; E. Upton 106.53 ; Literary Fund  
 159.74 ; R. Smith 410.84 ; E. Batchelder 1,429.22 ; H. E.  
 Kittredge 104.37 ; C. Green 561.85 ; C. Kendall 1,201.37 ;  
 J. Underwood 155.24 ; A. Upton 357.30 ; G. G. Batchelder  
 65.51 ; R. D. Upton 236.16 ; A. Wilkins 521.01 ; B. Crosby  
 600.49 ; B. Trow 278.10 ; C. Gray 761.02 ; J. Perkins  
 294.00. Total— 8668 91

Whole amount of claims against the town \$15908 46  
 Amount of Dr. from second page 8532 35

Balance against the town \$7376 11

Respectfully submitted—

CHARLES J. SMITH, } Selectmen  
 JOHN TREVITT, } of  
 JOHN T. MCCOLLUM, } Mt. Vernon.

FEB. 24, 1872. We have this day examined the Selectmen's ac-  
 count with said Town, and find the same correctly cast and properly  
 vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, } Auditors.  
 W. H. CONANT, }

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Town of Mont-Vernon submits the following Report :

DR.—To Cash in the Treasury, March, 1871,	\$546 95
Note for uncollected Taxes for 1868 and 1869	51 96
“ “ “ 1870	800 00
M. F. Crosby's two notes and interest	1050 00
John O'Brien's note and interest	75 96
David J. Herlehy's note	32 35
Literary Fund Note	150 70
Interest received on the Crosby, O'Brien and Herlehy notes	28 11
Money received from the State	497 34
Money rec'd. of Peter F. Pike for lot sold in cemetery	4 00
“ “ Collector for 1871	4344 98
Note for uncollected taxes for 1871	1000 00
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	\$8582 35

CR.—By paying the following :

State Tax	\$1290 00
County Tax	406 87
Literary Fund note	150 70
Note for uncollected taxes for 1868 and 1869	15 19
Paying 71 orders of the Selectmen	5542 58
Note for uncollected taxes for 1871	1000 00
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	\$8405 34

Whole amount of receipts	\$8582 35
“ “ bills paid	8405 34

Balance in the Treasury	<hr/> \$177 01
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

DANIEL R. BAKER, TOWN TREASURER.

FEB. 24, 1872.—We have this day examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, }  
W. H. CONANT, } AUDITORS.

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

From Feb. 21, 1871, to Feb. 21, 1872.

DR.—To cash received as follows :

From County	\$67 50
Town Treasurer	214 22—281 72

CR.—By cash paid out as follows :

Clothing for Levi Averill	12 80
Boots & Shoes “ “ and repairing same	6 90
Shoes for Sally Holt	1 30
T. H. Richardson and I Hill, Provisions for family of B. Rose	3 00
Dr. P. R. Baker for medical attendance upon family of B. Rose	9 00
Dr. G. C. Terhune for medical services at B. Rose's	3 00
Dr. G. C. Terhune medical service in family of A. S. Fuller	9 00
Other expenses on account of B. Rose and A. S. Fuller	2 56
Expense of journey to Nashua and expense on money sent	2 25
Board of Transient Paupers	5 25
W. Williams for Board of Sally Holt from Feb. 20, '71 to Feb. 20, '72	52 00
W. Williams for Board of Levi Averill from Feb. 20, '71, to Feb. 20, '72	63 66
For Board of Lucy J. Wallace at Asylum from Feb. 1st, 1871 to Feb. 1st, 1872	91 00
Overseer's services	20 00
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	\$281 72
Due from County	4 00

There are three paupers now in charge of the town—Levi Averill, Lucy J. Wallace, and Sally Holt. The money expended for B. Rose and A. S. Fuller is included in the amount (67.50) received from the County. Respectfully submitted,

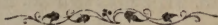
CHARLES J. SMITH, OVERSEER OF POOR.

FEBRUARY 24, 1872.—We have this day examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE E. DEAN, }  
W. H. CONANT, } Auditors.



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



The amount of money which our present State Law requires to be assessed for the support of Common Schools is much in excess of the appropriations of former years. The compensation of teachers also is much higher. In illustration of this the fact may be cited, that in the Winter of 1843-44 the school in the South District in this town, with an attendance of 25 scholars, was taught by a male teacher for \$17.00 per month, including board. The present Winter the cost of teaching 15 scholars in the same district has been \$39.00 per month. In the former years the whole amount appropriated was about \$70.00. The present year it is double that amount.

In addition to the amount which the law requires to be raised, the town has voted \$300 per annum for five successive years to the McCollom Institute, the larger part of which will be expended for the tuition of pupils resident in town, thus making this Institute virtually a free High School to the youth of Mont Vernon. This generous outlay for educational purposes should yield valuable results. That all of practical benefit will be obtained which should be from this increased appropriation, may be a debatable question.

In Massachusetts, a leading State in expenditures for public schools, there is a demand for a radical reform in the school system ; or, rather, that the industrial school shall be placed side by side with the common school. It is stoutly maintained that the present system of education is unsuited to the wants of the age, in that it does not train the pupil for some definite employment in life, and that the introduction of the industrial element into schools will remedy this disadvantage. The problem of the day is the education of the masses, and the solution of that problem is the combination of the present with the industrial system of education. It is noteworthy that in some countries of Europe, agriculture and mechanics are made obligatory as a part of the programme of instruction. In the populous towns in Massachusetts, mechanical drawing is required to be taught ; and in Manchester, in our own State, a special teacher of drawing is now employed, with most satisfactory results ; the

progress in this useful branch, verifying the belief of Horace Mann, "that a child will learn to *draw* and write sooner than he will learn writing alone."

**CENTRE SCHOOL.**—Miss Charlotte Anderson had charge of this school through the year. Miss A. is a graduate of the Normal School at Framingham, Mass., and is an apt and ready scholar. This was her maiden experiment in school-teaching. Her mode of instruction and discipline embracing some novel features, was generally approved by the Committee, though in some particulars, an experienced educator might suggest improvement. In reading and writing and map-drawing, the instruction was excellent, and the proficiency marked.

This district has within the year, at an expense of about \$200, substituted for its former sittings, single desks and seats, from the manufactory at Boston; also a fine eight-day clock has been placed in the school room. As now furnished, this school has every needed appliance for the comfort and convenience of the pupils.

**SOUTH SCHOOL.**—Miss Lucretia H. Rideout taught the Summer Term. Only eight scholars attended. Miss R. was competent and faithful. She governed her school by gentle means, securing the ready obedience of all. Mr. David A. Stiles, who taught the school three years since, was employed for the Winter term. With added experience in this vocation, Mr. S. was even more successful than before; and I repeat as applicable to his recent effort, what was reported of his school in 1869: "Good order was maintained and the school kept at work. The proficiency made was marked, especially in Arithmetic. This was taught in the best manner, drilling, and illustrating every point in the lesson until the scholar could explain with a readiness and clearness of statement that indicated a thorough knowledge of the subject. There was no mere surface work. The advance made under such instruction the pupil will hold secure."

**EAST SCHOOL.**—Miss Mary L. Kelso taught both terms of this school. The kind and winning manner of Miss K. secured very pleasant relations between teacher and pupils. She is a faithful, honest teacher, and her school made good progress.

**NORTH SCHOOL.**—Miss Emma F. Robertson taught the Summer Term. Miss R. maintains good discipline in her school



without apparent labor. Her self-possession and quiet vigilance, with correct scholarship, impressed the Committee favorably with her worth as a teacher. Her labors were very acceptable to the District. Miss Ida H. Lamson was employed for the Winter Term. (Miss Catsly, a pupil in this school, is a young lady of ample promise of usefulness in this vocation.) Her government was fair. Lively interest was evinced in study and the proficiency manifest at the close of her school denoted thorough instruction.

WEST SCHOOL.—Miss Nellie W. Jackson taught the Summer school. Miss J. is very young and for a first attempt did very well. For her years, her attainments are superior and her faculty of instruction and discipline good. Miss Lizzie W. King a young lady of experience in teaching was employed for the Fall Term. She is a good scholar and a teacher of merit. The school under her charge was orderly and diligent, and the District and Committee were satisfied that the teacher was painstaking and the school profitable.

### STATISTICS.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Length of Schools.</i>	<i>Wages*</i>	<i>Tot'l at.</i>	<i>Aver.</i>
Centre District	Summer Term 10 weeks	30 00	32	25
	Fall " 9 "	30 00	33	26
	Winter " 11 "	32 00	27	24
South District	Summer " 8 "	20 00	8	7
	Winter " 11 "	39 00	15	13
East District	Summer " 10 "	18 00	14	12
	Winter " 7 "	22 00	21	27
North District	Summer " 10 "	15 00	21	11
	Winter " 10 "	20 00	21	19
West District	Summer " 8 "	12 00	12	8
	Fall " 6 "	16 00	11	9

\*Including board.

Amount of money raised by the town, including Literary Fund, \$761 82. Amount allotted Centre District, \$364.52; South, 141.79; East, \$94.00; North, \$83 05; West, 58 00. To District No. 8, Amherst, \$20.46.

CHAS. J. SMITH,

*Superintending School Committee.*